

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Special Meeting
Tour of New Seattle City Hall

July 1, 2003
5:30 p.m.

Seattle City Hall
Seattle, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall and Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Lee, Mosher, and Noble

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Degginger

1. Tour of new Seattle City Hall

Councilmembers met at the Mayor's Office in Seattle City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Seattle staff and their consultants described the building layout of the new civic center campus comprised of City Hall, the Justice Center, and a public plaza/open space. The overall cost of the project is \$226 million. The cost of City Hall is estimated at \$76 million.

Seattle staff reported on a positive experience with their architectural and engineering consultant team as well as the GC/CM (General Contractor/Construction Management) contractor. It was noted that the GC/CM approach is commonly used in the private sector. Seattle staff and consultants offered suggestions on implementing a project of this type and working with a GC/CM contractor.

Seattle's architectural consultants described the city's sustainable building policy and the use of environmentally friendly elements including green roofs, a thermal wall, energy-efficient clear glass, and louvers on the outside of the building to either direct more natural light into the building or prevent glare. They explained Seattle City Council's interest in creating a major public place reflecting a connection to the environment and incorporating water features, view opportunities, and local wood materials. The main public entrance is located on Fifth Avenue and a water feature flows through the lobby from Fifth to Fourth Avenue. The civic center includes public art under the city's 1% for Art program. Council Chambers is designed to promote an intimate setting while providing generous overflow space and a large reception room. Seattle's new City Hall is designed to serve three primary functions: 1) work place, 2) place for public dialogue (public meeting rooms), and 3) public open space/cultural plaza for activities and festivals.

The discussion was followed by a tour of the new City Hall, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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